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RAINSTORMING

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Airport Road deadliest stretch with 405 accidents recorded between 2020 and 2022, as per BTP data

FURY ROAD

Engineering, education, enforcement (3Es) critical

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"Slopes of flyovers should not have a gradient higher than 3-3.5%, an engineering aspect that we ignore. — Dr Ashish Verma, IISc

For the third year in a row the Airport Road continues to be the most dangerous in the city, according to Bengaluru Traffic Police's road accident records.

As per the official data, Yelahanka zone recorded the highest number of accidents since 2020. The station clocked as many as 405 accidents between 2020 and March 2022. Following closely was Chikkajala with 395 accidents, yet another stretch that leads to the airport.

Officials and transport experts are of the view that the majority of the accidents in Yelahanka zone can be attributed to the roads leading to Kempegowda International Airport.

Overspeeding vehicles, taxis in a mindless rush, complete disregard for traffic rules and youths at the wheel in an inebriated condition are a few of the reckless driving scenarios one can witness on these stretches.

"The number of road accidents has surely been high in Yelahanka limits. The majority of these accidents take place on the Airport Road. Vehicles on these stretches ignore traffic rules and almost all are overspeeding. In most cases, four-wheelers are the accused, and two-wheelers and pedestrians are victims," said a traffic police officer from Yelahanka station.

Road safety and infrastructure experts noted that in order to pinpoint the specific reasons leading to crashes, accident-prone stretches should be brought under the scanner.

"Road accidents are complex phenomena with several factors at play. The high number of accidents in Yelahanka traffic limits can be due to the Airport Road leading to Devanahalli.

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FIR against lake activist

Anirudhan fighting against road construction in the 'buffer zone' of Pattandur Agrahara Lake

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike filed a complaint at the Whitefield Police Station against lake activist Sandeep Anirudhan alleging that he was spreading propaganda against BBMP officers on social media platforms.

An FIR was filed under IPC sections 153 and 186 against Anirudhan, who has been fighting against the upcoming road construction in the 'buffer zone' of Pattandur Agrahara Lake, for years now.

Whitefield police issued a notice to Anirudhan to appear before the investigating officer within three days.

The complaint filed by the civic body's road infrastructure division said, "BBMP is forming the road from ORR to Proposed PRR as per the approved RMP-2015 Comprehensive Development Plan-2015 by BDA, and as per the orders of the Government of Karnataka… for the amount of Rs 1000.00 lakh. While there is a clear marking of the Road Alignment in the RMP-2015, Sri Sandeep Anirudhan is

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Elements of nature

Check out art show 'Elements' by artists Amrish Malvankar, Architect Shailesh Parwatkar, and Visual Artist Jude Gabriel. This is a collection that captures a new beginning. The fundamental elements of earth, wind, fire, and water aims to inspire art patrons to think in a new direction about how we can find our balance with the elements.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath; When: May 11 – May 15, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

02 Play time, children!

Check out a special workshop for children that will be facilitated by Akash Narendran. The children's natural curiosity and energies will be guided towards the possibilities of theatrical creation. The workshop will include processes of building theatrical work from poetry, from one's own identities, and this will be through play, training and sharing, and through questions.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb; When: Till May 13, 10 am to 12 pm; Tickets: Rs 3,000, linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus

03 Evening melodies

Take a break from the stress and monotony of work by attending a beautiful musical evening at Lahe Lahe. The session will have musical aficionados come and jam together and form a community of like-minded musical souls. What's more, you can even tune out a few songs of yourself too!
Where: Lahe Lahe, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar; When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Tickets: 9886294444

When cattle drugs nearly made vultures extinct

Simply breeding these raptors not enough, say experts; awareness has to be spread about harmful cattle drugs that are dwindling their population

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The Egyptian vulture is one of the vulture species critically endangered, say activists

While the wildlife division of Karnataka Forest Department is counting days to fly in endangered vultures from Pinjore Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre in Haryana, experts fear that the killer non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), still in rampant use in and around the city, will negate the department's effort to arrest the dwindling population of the raptors.

Experts say more needs to be done to address the safety of these birds and it will be unethical to release them under the current scenario.

"Just breeding vultures in captivity is not a solution on its own as we cannot release them safely. The main issue behind declining vulture populations has not been taken care of and the wretched drugs are still very much in the system. The risks of these critically endangered birds eating cattle carcass with NSAIDS are still very high," said Chris Bowden, co-chair, Vulture Specialist Group at the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The drugs in question here are Diclofenac and its three alternatives: Aeclofenac, Ketoprofen and Nimesulide. While Diclofenac, the main drug that brought down the vulture's population drastically, has been banned in India, experts say its alternatives are still in rampant use in Bengaluru and surrounding areas.

"While there has not been a large-scale survey, some work has been done in the Ramanagaram area that has established that pharmacies are still supplying toxic drugs to veterinarians and cattle owners," added Chris.

Avian experts say that it is not just the open dumping of cattle carcasses with traces of NSAIDS, but dump yards also pose threat to these critically endangered species.

Raptors prey on cattle carcasses at dumping yards and other places, ingesting NSAIDS

"Raptors can fly more than a hundred kilometres in search of food on a daily basis. We monitored a few dumping yards in and around the area and found that carcass waste from nearby beef markets packed in plastic and gunny bags is dumped regularly. We sighted Egyptian vultures using these dumping yards for foraging," said Satyapramod H V, of Karnataka Vulture Conservation Trust.

Notably, the behaviour of these scavenger birds, their movement pattern, etc, have not been studied in detail in the past. Likewise, there is no large-scale study to access the cattle carcass samples in and around the city to understand if there are traces of NSAIDS.

"Before getting started with the breeding program and releasing the birds into the wild, we need to conduct extensive work to understand how much cattle carcass is being dumped in open and the amount of NSAIDs in the carcass," said Satyapramod.

Safe alternatives to NSAIDS

Meloxicam and Tolfenamic Acid are two safe alternatives to Diclofenac and other harmful NSAIDS. Experts say the immediate priority is to ban the drugs that are harmful to the vultures.

"It is doable as there are safer alternatives available," informed Bowden. Notably, Meloxicam, one of the two safe NSAIDS, was tested on African vultures a few years ago and was found to be safe. The drug was also tested in India at multiple levels. It was directly released into the stomach of the raptors and other scavenger avian species.

Buffalos were injected with it and then were slaughtered and fed to the vultures to replicate the situation in the wild. The results showed that the drug is out of harm's way.

Experts say that while Diclofenac was a late starter, it turned out to be popular as its mechanism of action is much faster. Diclofenac is economical as well. The patent was removed long back and multiple companies started manufacturing the drug leading to high supply and demand.

According to Dr Percy Avari, assistant professor, Department of Poultry Science, Mumbai Veterinary College, the harmful NSAIDS are still in rampant use as many veterinarians are still not convinced about the usefulness of Meloxicam and Tolfenamic Acid.

Moreover, many are unaware of the harmful impacts of Diclofenac, Aeclofenac, Ketoprofen and Nimesulide on vultures. "It is critical to educate people working on the ground.

We should also look for other safer alternatives so that veterinarians have other options. Moreover, treating ill or geriatric cows with these harmful drugs should be completely stopped," said Dr Avari.

HC order saves engineer from unemployment

An assistant engineer, who lost his job as his B Tech degree obtained after a distance education course was invalid, will at least get to become a junior engineer, according to a judgement by the High Court. The engineer also had a diploma in civil engineering and since he had already put in five years in a Karnataka government agency, the High Court ordered he should be considered for reappointment in a post commensurate to the diploma instead of the B Tech degree.

Devaraja KR had applied for a backlog post of Assistant Engineer (civil) in the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB) and was appointed in July 2016. In September 2019, the Managing Director of KUWSDB issued a show-cause notice to Devaraja as his degree from the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) was not approved by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

In the judgment, Justice R Devdas ordered for Devaraja's reappointment based on his diploma in civil engineering. **— PTI**

Remains of the rainy day

Mayhem in May

Tree fall in HSR Layout and water-logging in Silk Board

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Monsoon in summer

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Bengaluru experiences peak summer in May but, on Tuesday, the city's weather was more like it was monsoon already. Though the onset of South West Monsoon is still weeks away, the city got the first feel of cloudy and chilly days with occasional rainfall. The city's maximum temperature dipped to 24.3 degree Celsius which is unusual for May. Met officials attributed the changing weather to cyclone Asani (Asani is a Sinhalese word meaning Wrath).

G Srinivasa Reddy (Consultant at Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority) told BM, "Though the cyclone didn't cause heavy rainfall in the city, the skies were covered by a thick blanket of clouds with many areas receiving rainfall at regular intervals. The weather may continue to be cloudy till Wednesday evening and then the cyclone effect may decrease."

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast rain or thundershowers with cloudy weather for the next 48 hours with city's max temperature at 27 degree Celsius. Reddy said, "Bengaluru city witnesses' hot weather in May. This is completely opposite this time. I want to recall that in March, there was no heat wave predicted in the State and this was due to various cyclonic activities. We expect that the cyclone effect may decrease from May 11 and then we need to see if the hot days return to the city." He said that the peak summer may be over in the city or there will be a few more hot days as from June first week, monsoon effect will arrive.

> **"We expect that the cyclone effect may decrease from May 11**
> –Srinivasa Reddy, KSDMA

Tracking Asani

IMD on Tuesday said the severe cyclonic storm Asani has started weakening and will convert into a cyclonic storm in next 24 hours. It is currently moving in a "cone of uncertainty" over west-central Bay of Bengal and is expected to cross the coast anywhere between Kakinada and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday evening. "The storm may eventually weaken into a cyclone and head towards north Andhra-Odisha coast on Wednesday," said an official. **(Ageny inputs)**

Biz going down the drain

Metro work messes with Shivajinagar drain; waterlogging keeps shoppers at bay

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For businessmen in Shivajinagar, the rain and ongoing construction of Metro stations have come as a double blow. While tangibly, Shivajinagar lost two playgrounds to Metro construction, the losses to businessmen and jewellers is intangible so far.

After a spell of heavy rain, Jumma Masjid Road also known as OPH Road near Lal Masjid gets flooded, causing inconvenience to shoppers. The jewellers complain that a Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) contractor laid a plastic pipe in the roadside drain to transfer waste water from the construction site at Bamboo Bazaar. They said that whenever it rains heavily, the pipe blocks flow of water in the drain.

"We lost many customers due to waterlogging on this road during Ramzan. Many visited nearby areas to buy jewellery as they do not want to wade through the knee-deep water. We shudder to think what the condition of this road would be in monsoon if the drain problem is not fixed," said a jeweller, who did not wish to be named.

Water from the drain in OPH Road overflows when it rains

Another jeweller said they have become used to suffering in silence whenever water from the drain overflows onto the road. "We have complained to the elected representative but nothing has been done," said the jeweller, adding that the BBMP did nothing to fix the drains for over two decades.

Meanwhile, Gopi, manager for the BMRCL contractor said he had deputed men to clean the drain whenever it was clogged. "I was told that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has a plan to fix the drain to ensure smooth flow of water. I will send my people to the spot to clear silt from the drain," said Gopi.

However, Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad sought to put the blame for crumbling infrastructure in the area on the Metro work. "Most drains and sewers got clogged due to the slush generated at the construction site. I have advised the L&T engineers to fix the problems to avoid inconvenience to residents and businessmen, but they only have temporary fixes," said Arshad. The MLA assured BM that he would speak to the engineers once again advising them to fix drain problems on a permanent basis.

Treefall and more...

BBMP Special commissioner (Projects) PN Ravindra said, "Since Monday, BBMP has received 80 complaints including water stagnation, tree fall, flex banners and optical cables coming apart from the East Zone alone. Seventy-one vulnerable points have been identified in the East Zone. "We have instructed officials to clear the vulnerable points where small drains or road surfaces connect to the main drain. These places may be blocked by trash which needs to be cleared for free flow of rainwater. We have also decided to intensify desilting of storm water drains."

Sinking underpass feeling

The flooded underpass

Whenever it rains heavily, Vijinapura residents get a sinking feeling. With the underpass connecting Vijinapura with Old Madras Road and other areas flooded, they are disconnected from these areas.

When the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and South Western Railway constructed the underpass and closed the level crossing, residents were happy. They did not realise that their problems are far from over. One heavy spell of rain shattered their dreams of an easy commute. The situation has been so for over seven years as the underpass goes under water each time it rains.

"Its design is faulty. In monsoon, motorists cannot use it as it is always submerged. A little rain is enough for the underpass to get water-logged," said Sivaraman Hariharan, a resident.

Malini Mannath, a resident, said senior citizens and children cannot use the underpass due to the water logging. "The BBMP has arranged an electric motor pump to drain the water to the nearest water body, but the underpass gets flooded when it rains heavily and there is a power cut in the locality so the motor does not work," Mannath said.

Over a year ago, the BBMP set up two sumps to prevent water logging and installed an electric motor to pump water from the sumps. "BBMP must think of a more long-lasting solution," said Parthibhan S, a resident.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

An electric pump installed by BBMP

IN DEEP WATER

Residents of Rainbow Drive Layout on Sarjapur Main Road say officials must rescue them from sewage-mixed rainwater, demand permanent solution

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Residents of Rainbow Drive Layout on Sarjapur Main Road wrote to MLA Arvind Limbavali of the Mahadevapura assembly constituency, seeking help on an emergency basis -- the layout gets flooded after rainfall due to which many have to cope with frequent power outages. The letter stated: More than 1,000 residents are living in fear of rain due to the flooding and power outages. There are more than 350 houses in this layout that is known to be a model community due to its sustainable style of living. Yet, it has severe flooding issues during rains.

Residents said they experienced a major flooding issue on May 5 due to rainfall; many were stranded in the area for over 20 hours without any access to medical help while being cut off from the outside world. They said the senior citizens in the area are suffering the most.

The main gate on Sarjapur Road was blocked due to the rainwater and the Fire Brigade was called to pump the water out. The Brigade was at it for 12 hours until the rain stopped, it is said.

Residents BM spoke with said the entrance is located at a low level and the storm water drain on the main road must be lowered to prevent flooding during rains. They said, alternatively an additional outlet could be provided immediately. Further, they said a path must be constructed on an emergency basis so residents can avail medical help when needed even during rains.

It is also said that rainwater from areas as far as three kilometres away from the layout is also causing trouble for the residents as it collects at their layout which is located at a lower level. But, outlets can be provided along the way to divert the water to the nearby storm water drain.

Besides rainwater, sewage and untreated water is also entering the layout, staining the compound walls and leaving a stench. This could cause an outbreak of diseases like dengue and malaria in the Mahadevapura constituency.

Last November, during heavy rains, water pumps were brought in to clear the floods and tractors were used to move people from one end to another. Since then, many have constructed elevated ramps but the sewage-mixed rainwater continues to gush into their homes during heavy rain. Residents said they've made pleas to civic officials from BBMP, BWSSB, the village Panchayat and the Karnataka Pollution Control Board, but have not received help yet. They said the issue is several years old now and has only worsened.

"It is scary. Everytime it rains heavily the place gets flooded. Water even enters the houses. People who are outside (before rainfall) can't go home (until the flood clears). And the ones at home get stuck inside. We need a permanent solution to this," a resident said.

REMAINS OF THE RAINY DAY

Residents say they get stranded outside homes or stuck inside for hours due to the flooding issue

> **"It is scary. Everytime it rains heavily the place gets flooded. Water even enters the houses... We need a permanent solution** – A Resident

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Rainbow under floodwater

On November 21 BM reported residents of Rainbow Drive Layout had been pumping rainwater out for two days

Bengalureans demand concrete measures

Protestors hold authorities accountable for shoddy work on Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium on Tuesday

Post heavy rains, many trees fell in several parts of Bengaluru on Sunday and some roads were left inundated too. The canopy of the newly constructed Atal Bihari Vajpayee Stadium too collapsed. More than two shelters, tiles and slabs of the stadium broke and its walls developed cracks. Its galleries were also damaged. It is said the stadium was inaugurated before its completion. An organisation staged a protest against the shoddy work on the stadium, holding the government accountable, on Tuesday.

The stadium was built at a cost of Rs 50 crore, approximately. It was inaugurated on March 1. The protest was led by AAP member Mohan Dasari.

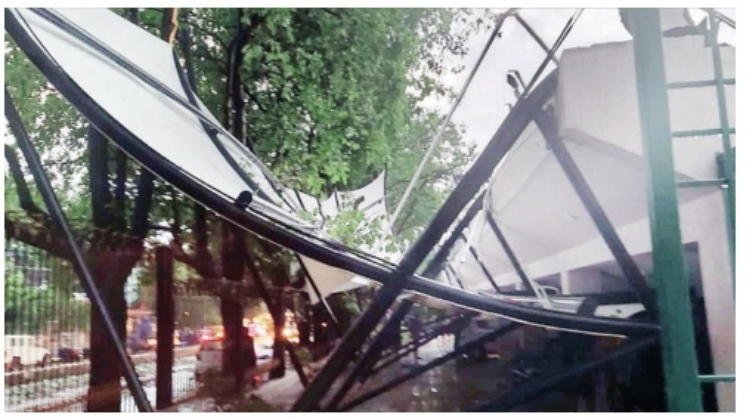
Dasari said, "This is an example of the 40 per cent commission corrupt business done by BJP. PWD must investigate the matter and uncompromising action must be taken against the contractor, authorities and politicians involved in this. We cannot be silent spectators to the misuse of public funds."

Some residents of the area had already been opposing the building.

"We wanted an open playground for children but a stadium was built instead and now it shows the quality... The way it has been built," a resident said.

BBMP officials said the repair work has already started and contractors have been given strict instructions to carry out the work properly with good materials.

— Iffath Fathima



Above: Pic of stadium after rain. Right: Mohan Dasari submitting complaint to M Ramakrishna, BBMP Joint Commissioner, Bommanahalli

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Cleanliness is next to godliness, folks

Sahakar Nagar

This is the condition of the area in front of the Ganesh Temple. The authorities must move the dustbin as it's unhygienic and eye sore.

The cup overflows

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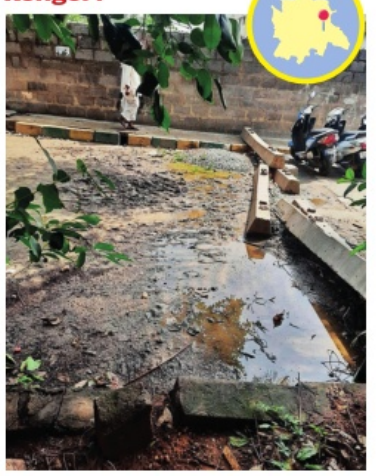

There is a waterlogging problem in Harsha Layout on 1st Cross near the railway station. Regular commuters are facing problems due to this.

Safety first, please

Lavelle Road

BESCOM must remove this giant reel on 4th cross which has been lying here for weeks. There is also a pit here and there are no barricades or signs to warn commuters.

Snakes in park: Walkers have a reptile problem

Association wants signages warning people about snakes at Cubbon Park; officials say 6 boards present, more will be put up

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Cubbon Park is home to a variety of snakes on its 197-acre grounds, but after a recent snake bite case, walkers are seeking some signages to warn visitors about the presence of snakes in the park.

The Cubbon Park Walkers' Association has demanded that more boards be put in all parts of the park that the park has snakes. They noted that if walkers are unaware, they are at a greater risk.

"Around five – six days back, there was an incident of a walker getting bitten by a snake. After the accident, we are asking the park officials to install more boards to warn visitors. There is one board near the ring circle and the rest of the areas have been abandoned. Children also continue to play in the area without any safety," said Umesh Kumar, President of the Cubbon Park Walkers Association (CPWA).

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Snakes frequent the park's bushes and trees where kids often play

Reportedly, the victim had to undergo treatment at Martha's Hospital and filed a formal complaint with the Cubbon Park Police Station.

Snake experts meanwhile assured all that though there are snakes in the park, only a few venomous ones. "Cubbon Park has rat snakes, cobra, watersnakes, tree snakes and other common snakes. However, only the cobra snake is venomous," said Mohan, BBMP Animal Rescue Department.

CPWA members also made an allegation that as it is among the few green spaces in the city snake catchers tend to leave the snakes they rescue over there. Denying these allegations, Mohan added that no experienced snake-rescuer would leave the snakes in the park with Bal Bhavan, Police station, High Court and Press Club surrounding it.

"We cannot leave snakes there escaping the eyes of the security. We usually leave it in a reserve forest outside the city."

As for the signages, Deputy Director of Horticulture Department (Cubbon Park), Balakrishna said, "There are already six boards present in the park premises and we will add another 10 boards as well."

> **Cubbon Park has rat snakes, cobras, watersnakes, tree snakes and others of which only cobras are venomous** –Mohan, BBMP

The members said the security guards should also be made aware of the presence of snakes.

"Despite the absence of an adequate number of boards, the security guards play no role in warning visitors. They should be restricting visitors, especially children from accessing certain areas of the park and playing in the bushes," added Kumar.

Walkers also sought to know if the Horticulture Department officials would take onus for any mishaps at the park.

B'lureans, beware of the trash police

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Folks, don't be surprised if you find BBMP personnel contacting you for your CCTV footage to nab those throwing trash near your home. The civic agency has decided to take the help of private individuals who have installed CCTVs at their homes to catch offenders who throw trash anywhere and cause black spots.

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Projects) Ravindra PN said, "We have decided to take the help of individuals by requesting the CCTV evidence to ensure that there are no black spots."

BBMP officials claim that it is still very 'mysterious' as to who throws the trash illegally. Despite door-to-door garbage collection services, people continue to flout the rules.

As most of the illegal trash throwing happens at either late night or in the early morning, it has been a difficult task for the civic agency to catch them.

Earlier, BBMP had posed marshals at these black spots to ensure that no one threw garbage. However, in the middle of the night when the marshals were away or sleeping, the trash would have slowly accumulated.

Now, the BBMP has decided to collect the evidence via CCTV and take action against such offenders.

However, civic activists say that the black spots are the result of inefficient garbage collection. "If the door-to-door garbage collection is so efficient, then why would people go out to throw garbage?

"We did a survey with many residents and the residents complained that the garbage is not collected on a daily basis in many areas. In fact, at times, the trash collectors don't turn up for a couple of days or weeks. In such a scenario, people have no option but to scout for vacant spots to throw their trash," says Mukund S, a civic activist.

> **Palike will check CCTV cameras from private homes to catch litterbugs**

According to him, the garbage collection happens only at once in a day and mostly in the mornings.

Many office-goers who head out during early morning may miss out or if someone has not woken up would also not be able to hand over the garbage.

"Hence, we urge the BBMP to ensure that garbage collection happens daily and then at least twice a day so that everyone in the locality has the opportunity to hand over the garbage. If all the garbage is sent to the trucks, we can easily avoid black spots."

Meanwhile, BBMP officials said that they have tried every trick to clean the black spots.

An awareness programme is held regularly where pourakarmikas urge the residents not to throw garbage, clean up the place and even draw rangolis.

There are instances where people place deity pictures and even write abuses to stop people.

Some local groups armed with sticks would also chase away the litterbugs at night.

Black spots are a common sight in the city

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Bengaluru Grand Prix

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While reckless driving is a major aspect, there can be other elements to look at as well. To pinpoint specific reasons, in-depth studies should be conducted in accident-prone areas," said Dr Ashish Verma of the Sustainable Transportation Lab at IISc.

The 3Es

While Yelahanka zone tops the chart, Kamakshipalya saw 338 accidents, Kumaraswamy Layout recorded 336 and Electronics City witnessed 303 crashes, following not too far behind.

As per data, the total number of road accident cases in Bengaluru has not come down considerably. While 3,236 cases were recorded in 2020, the number improved only slightly with 3,211 cases in 2021. However, by March this year, there have already been 539 instances of road accidents.

While traffic police officials blame the high number of accident cases on rash driving and negligence of traffic rules, experts attributed erroneous road geometry, disregard for engineering aspects and lack of proper enforcement as other reasons behind the high numbers.

As per road safety experts, engineering, education and enforcement (3Es) are the most important aspects to rein in road accidents. There is growing awareness about the improvement of road geometry and engineering aspects, especially in the case of highways. Though the situation has slightly improved with signages and road markings, road safety audits are missing in urban areas.

According to specialists, road safety audits should be integrated into the system and engineering standards should be strictly adhered to.

For instance, Yeshwantpur and Shivananda Circle flyovers, experts said, are classic examples of dangerous geometry that can lead to fatal accidents.

Stations	2020	2021	2022	Total
Yelahanka	195	172	38	405
Chikkajala	182	189	24	395
Kamakshipalya	159	157	22	338
K Swamy layout	159	140	37	336
Electronic City	155	129	19	303

"There have been multiple accidents on Yeshwantpur Flyover whereby trucks have fallen after colliding with the sidewall. Interestingly, this flyover has a very unique and dangerous geometry. The approach road to this flyover has a downslope, which means vehicles are already speeding up when they are approaching the flyover. Once the vehicles are on the flyover, there is a sharp turn which is more than 90 degrees. This peculiar feature makes the situation very risky and creates a dangerous blackspot. Likewise, the Shivananda Circle Flyover has a sharp gradient of 6.6%. As per safety standards, such gradients can exist only in exceptional circumstances, that too on highways. Slopes of flyovers in urban spaces should not have a gradient higher than 3-3.5%. This is a major aspect of engineering that we ignore," said Dr Verma.

Experts stressed the need for a rethink of the Motor Vehicle Act which they said is the need of the hour.

"There have hardly been any reforms with the driver's licence process. Currently, a learner's licence can be upgraded to a driver's licence and education is not mandatory. Moreover, prospective drivers are not tested on several physical parameters, especially vision-related. The Motor Vehicle Act only talks about self-declaration of health to get a licence for a personal vehicle. The psychology and driving attitude of prospective drivers should be considered as many of these accidents involve early drivers," added Dr Verma.

The lack of law enforcement is another reason behind the high number of accidents. While penalties have been increased, implementation and enforcement are missing or riddled with corruption. Experts noted that authorities should use tech to ensure corruption-free enforcement of traffic laws.

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No help for the help

Platform discusses policies aimed at improving domestic helps' wellbeing. Need for better regulation, facilities stressed

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The Domestic Workers Rights Union - Karnataka, in partnership with Socratus and Flourishing Bengaluru Collective, organised an initiative called "Naavu Kaarmikaru Namma Dhwani" that places domestic workers at the centre stage. It was developed based on a concept that offers domestic workers the opportunity to participate as professional workers and deliberate on themes related to their working conditions and safety from the lens of Samaaj, Sarkaar and Bazaar. This was a platform where a Domestic Workers' jury discussed policies and initiatives aimed at their wellbeing.

The jury process was held in April at the SCM House on Mission Road. A representative jury of nine members from the Domestic Workers community, who were selected after discussions and an interview, listened to various "expert witnesses" from bureaucracy, civil society, and the academia and the verdict was passed on Tuesday.

The theme of the verdict is towards treating Domestic Workers with equality, dignity and respect. The aspects focused were those pertaining to the workers' safety and health. The verdict was for the need for occupational Health and safety regulation for domestic workers, no discrimination based on caste and religion (Job opportunity and Safety), improved access to services and information related to food and nutrition, unbiased process of enquiry during allegations of theft, prevention of sexual harassment of domestic workers at the workplace, easy access to safety mechanisms during emergencies, improving service delivery and access to information related to schemes by Department of Women and Child Development Welfare (DWCD).

File photo of a protest by pandemic-hit domestic workers in front of the labour dept office

The verdict on working conditions included recognition of for Domestic Workers, the need for forums, between employers and employees, at various levels, regulated process for regular inspection by the Department in households to check for violations of the laws (e.g. minimum wage payment, leave provision, etc), need for other schemes under the Unorganised Workers Social Security Board, all Labour department programmes should be proactive and inclusive of local and migrant workers.

According to one estimate there are 10 lakh domestic workers in Karnataka. Of these, 6 lakh are in Bengaluru alone

Globally, one out of every 25 women is employed as a domestic labourer. In India, they are a part of the informal economy, which forms 93% of India's workforce according to NSSO, 2014. According to one estimate there are 10 lakh domestic workers in Karnataka. Of these, 6 lakh are in Bengaluru alone. Although they are part of the large sector of the informal workers, they remain largely invisible at their workplaces, in the community, and to the policymakers.

The lack of clarity on who a domestic worker is and the definition of their workplace has led to exclusions in policies required to make their employment more professional and contractual. Their struggle against caste discrimination and fight for gender and social justice are ongoing battles. Domestic work is an important livelihood source for women who are illiterate or with little education. More women are employed as domestic workers than men. House helps, or domestic workers, have been among the hardest-hit members of the unorganised sector due to the covid-19 pandemic. Media reports indicate that only 20,000 domestic workers have registered with the social security board so far. A compensation of Rs. 2,000 was accessed by a fewer number.

"States like Tamil Nadu, and Kerala have existing practices of a legislative framework, as well as a social security provision. We also have the examples of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, in the USA, where effective legislation has helped to safeguard the rights of domestic workers," said Geeta Menon, a social activist and co-founder of Stree Jagruti Samiti.

Permission must to use loud speakers

Now, it is mandatory to get permission to use loud speakers or public address systems. Following the row around its usage, the Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar has issued fresh orders which state that those using loud speakers or public address systems should obtain a written permission from the designated authority within 15 days.

Those who don't obtain it should voluntarily remove it or else the authorities concerned will take action for removal.

A committee will be formed at different levels to decide the applications for loud speakers. In Bengaluru, the committee will consist of the jurisdictional Assistant Commissioner of Police, engineer of BBMP and a representative of pollution control board. The order will be implemented with immediate effect. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had held a meeting with the officials on Monday to discuss the issue when the officials apprised the CM that the noise pollution (regulation and control) rules 2000 had laid down the ambient air quality standard in respect of noise.

The rules also defined that day time shall mean 6 am to 10 pm. According to the rules, a loud speaker or public address system shall not be used except after obtaining permission from the designated authority. The rule also barred the use of loud speaker or public address systems or any sound producing instrument at night time except in closed premises subject to conditions. **—BMB**

Being targeted, says IPS officer Ravindranath as he resigns

A senior IPS officer and Director General of Police Recruitment who was transferred recently, tendered his resignation on Tuesday stating that he was being targeted for taking action against people involved in fake caste certificate issues.

In his letter submitted to the Chief Secretary, P Ravindranath said that he was pained to observe the apathy shown by the Chief Secretary, when he had requested him to issue government order to set up protection cell as per the rules 8 of SC/ST (prevention of atrocities) rules 1995.

He added that he has been prematurely transferred without keeping in mind public interest, just to harass him as he has taken legal action against those involved in fake caste certificate issues. Dr. Ravindranath had recently held a press conference to announce that he is probing the fake caste certificate cases pertaining to the daughter of MLA Renukacharya and family members of MLCs. **BMB**

BBMP alleges propaganda by activist

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obstructing the Government's work by false propaganda through media stating that the road is being formed on the lake buffer area."

The complaint further read, ".. RMP-2015 does not indicate any existence of the lake. However, Sandeep Anirudhan is falsely claiming the withdrawn CDP-2031. He is instigating the public at large to oppose Government-Financed public work..."

The civic body, in the complaint, further accused Anirudhan of creating confusion among the public against its officers and said the messages and contents on social media - Facebook and Twitter - indicated his personal agenda.

Responding to the FIR, Sandeep Anirudhan said, "The case registered against me is misconceived since the complainant has made a false complaint. The government has categorically taken up the contention that the land in Sy. No.54 of Pattandur Agrahara village is a lake. Having taken up such contention, the Government could not go on with its plan for a road violating the lake buffer zone, particularly government instrumentalities like the BBMP. I have never interfered with the discharge of government duties at any point of time much less on the date on which such allegations are made."

He further added, "The inter-department communications between the BBMP lake authority and various other bodies demonstrates that Sy. No.54 is a lake and the road is being formed in the buffer zone. BBMP authorities which are conscious of the fact that there lies a lake and a road is formed in the buffer zone have made a police complaint against me on the premise that the proposed road is formed as approved by RMP-2015, but the said approval is contrary to the dictum of the Apex Court and National Green Tribunal. The fact remains that the road is being formed in the buffer zone."

However, some condemned both the BBMP and lake activists.

Founder of Friends of Lakes, Ram Prasad, said "Institutionalising harassment by both the activist and BBMP is not healthy. Abusive and derogatory remarks with accusation without evidence is unwarranted and will hurt the cause. As this lake issue is sub judice, all parties should abide by court orders."

Lake activist Nagesh Aras added, "Our system provides multiple channels to deliver environmental justice — departmental escalation and grievance-management system, Lokayukta, civil and criminal courts, NGT, etc. An activist is free to use any of them. Admittedly, these channels are frustratingly painful and slow but resorting to a high decibel campaign on social media is not the solution. Every institution is obligated to ensure that its public servants can discharge their duty without being swayed by external pressures. If this pressure is in the form of personal remarks on social media, then the institution is obligated to protect and defend its public servants."

24 hours to think over sedition
The Supreme Court gave 24 hours to the Centre to consider, whether the operation of the sedition provision, could be kept in abeyance till the process of its review is over

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India fully supportive of Sri Lanka, says MEA

Country guided by best interests of people of 'close neighbouring nation, will back its democracy, stability'

#New Delhi

In view of the current situation in Sri Lanka, Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Arindam Bagchi on Tuesday said that India is fully supportive of democracy, stability, and economic recovery of the island nation.

The remarks come as nationwide protests against the Sri Lankan government have intensified over the past few days resulting in an increase in incidents of clashes with the security forces deployed at protest sites.

In response to media queries on developments in Sri Lanka, the official MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "As a close neighbor of Sri Lanka, with historical ties, India is fully supportive of its democracy, stability, and economic recovery."

On the assistance provided by India to Sri Lanka, a statement by MEA read, "In keeping with our Neighbourhood First policy, India has extended this year alone support worth over USD 3.5 billion to the people of Sri Lanka for helping them overcome their current difficulties. In addition, the people of India have provided assistance in mitigating the shortages of essential items such as food, medicine, etc."

"India will always be guided by the best interests of the people of Sri Lanka expressed through democratic processes," it added.

Earlier, Sri Lanka Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's residence in the city of Kurunegala in the north-western province was set on fire, hours after the leader tendered his resignation to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, as the country goes through an intensified civil strife amid a crippling economic crisis.

A large number of protesters including the Inter-University Students Federation (IUSF) were out on the streets and attacked the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna MPs. Even some Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) offices were set ablaze.

The military has been deployed on the roads to maintain calm despite an island-wide curfew.Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since independence with food and fuel shortages, soaring prices, and power cuts affecting a large number of the citizens, resulting in massive protests over the government's handling of the situation.

The recession is attributed to foreign exchange shortages caused by a fall in tourism during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as reckless economic policies, like the government's move last year to ban chemical fertilizers in a bid to make Sri Lanka's agriculture "100 percent organic".

Due to an acute shortage of foreign exchange, Sri Lanka recently defaulted on the entirety of its foreign debt amounting to about USD 51 billion. – ANI

People walk past a burnt bus near Sri Lanka's former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's official residence, on Tuesday

Shoot-on-sight orders issued to quell Sri Lanka riots

#Colombo

Sri Lanka's defence ministry on Tuesday ordered troops to shoot on sight people involved in looting or damaging property, a day after mobs targeted the homes of ruling-party politicians.
"Security forces have been ordered to shoot on sight anyone looting public property or causing harm to life," the ministry said.
The order came as the government deployed tens of thousands of army, navy and air force personnel to patrol tense streets of the capital Colombo and elsewhere after a day of violence.
Police said Tuesday eight people, including two policemen, were killed and 65 homes damaged during an orgy of violence overnight. Forty-one of the homes were burned.
Official figures showed that 88 cars and buses were destroyed along with hundreds of motorcycles.
Sri Lanka has been under a state of emergency since Friday giving sweeping powers to the military to arrest and detain suspects. – AFP

Danish Siddiqui among four Indians honoured with Pulitzer Prize

#New York

Slain photojournalist Danish Siddiqui is among four Indians honoured with the prestigious Pulitzer Prize 2022 in the feature photography category.

Siddiqui and his colleagues Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo and Amit Dave from the Reuters news agency won the award, announced on Monday, for "images of COVID's toll in India that balanced intimacy and devastation, while offering viewers a heightened sense of place", according to The Pulitzer Prizes website.

Their work was moved from the breaking news photography category by the judges.

Siddiqui, 38, was on assignment in Afghanistan last year when he died. The award-winning journalist was killed in July last while covering clashes between Afghan troops and the Taliban in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar city.

This is for the second time that Siddiqui has won the Pulitzer Prize. He was honoured with the prestigious award in 2018 as part of the Reuters team for their coverage of the Rohingya crisis. He had extensively covered the Afghanistan conflict, the Hong Kong protests and other major events in Asia, Middle East, and Europe. – PTI

TDP leader Narayana held in question paper 'leak' case

#Amaravati

The Chittoor police in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday arrested former minister and Narayana Educational Institutions founder-chairman P Narayana in a case related to leak of Class X examination question paper with the opposition party calling the action as a witch hunt and a political vendetta.

The arrest happened days after State Education Minister Botsa Satyanarayana categorically said there was "neither leakage (of question papers) nor mass copying" in the Class X public examinations that were conducted after a gap of two years.

Narayana was picked up from his residence in Hyderabad and taken to Chittoor, where a case was registered against "unknown accused" on April 27.

Chittoor district Superintendent of Police Y Rishanth Reddy told reporters in the evening that they have so far arrested seven people, including two government teachers, in connection with the case. The SP refused to give details about the alleged involvement of Narayana in the leak, saying the investigation was still underway.

"We will submit those details to the court," the SP said.

Rishanth said the malpractices in SSC exams were committed as per a plan, ostensibly to secure more marks in languages.

Some attenders and support staff who previously worked in Narayana institutions were among those arrested, he said. – PTI

'He is not with us anymore. His music will always live on'

#Mumbai

Santoor virtuoso Pt Shiv Kumar Sharma, who took the stringed instrument to the global stage and successfully straddled the worlds of classical and film music, died here on Tuesday following a heart attack. He was 83.

Sharma, one of India's most well known classical musicians, died between 8 and 8.30 am at his Pali Hill residence here, his secretary Dinesh told PTI. He had been active till the end and was due to perform in Bhopal next week. He was also suffering from renal ailments.

"He had a severe heart attack in the morning... He was active and was to perform in Bhopal next week. He was on regular dialysis but was still active," a family source said.

Sharma, one half of the famous 'Shiv-Hari' composer duo along with flautist Hari Prasad Chaurasia, is survived by his wife Manorama and sons Rahul, also a santoor player, Rohit. The Shiv-Hari duo composed music for an array of films such as "Silsila", "Lamhe", "Chandni" and "Darr".

A Padma Vibhushan recipient, Sharma was born in Jammu in 1938 and is believed to be the first musician to have played Indian classical music on the santoor, a folk instrument from Jammu and Kashmir.

Describing his father as his 'guruji', Rahul said the end was peaceful.

"He is not with us anymore but his music lives on. He went away peacefully. He has given the entire world his music, peace through his music and what he did for santoor... it's now known across the world.

"His music will always live on. He will be with us through his music. He had age related issues. He was 83. We had done a concert together 15 days ago, everything was fine." – PTI

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The eyes have it

What your eyes reveal about your health

Scientists at the University of California, San Diego, have developed a smartphone app that can detect early signs of Alzheimer's disease and other neurological conditions. The app uses the phone's near-infrared camera to track changes in the size of a person's pupils at a sub-millimetre level. These measurements can then be used to assess that person's cognitive condition.

As technology evolves, the eyes will prove more and more useful as a means of diagnosing all kinds of diseases and conditions because, by being transparent, the eye requires far less invasive methods of examination than other body parts.

But even without technology, it is possible to detect a number of health problems simply by looking at the eyes. Here are some of the warning signs.

Pupil size

The pupil responds instantly to light, becoming smaller in bright environments and larger in dimmer conditions. Sluggish or delayed responses in pupil size can point to several diseases that can include serious conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, as well as effects of medications and evidence of drug use. Dilated pupils are common in those who use stimulant drugs, such as cocaine and amphetamine. Very small pupils can be seen in heroin users.

Red or yellow eyes

A change in the colour of the sclera (the "whites of the eyes") suggests that something is not right. A red, bloodshot eye can be triggered by excess alcohol or drug abuse. It can also be caused by an irritation or infection that, in most cases, passes within days.

If the change in colour is persistent, it can signal a more serious infection, inflammation, or a reaction to contact lenses or their solutions. In extreme cases, a red eye indicates glaucoma, a sinister disease that can lead to blindness.

When the sclera become yellow, this is a most obvious sign of jaundice and a diseased liver. The underlying causes of jaundice vary widely. They include inflammation of the liver (hepatitis), genetic or autoimmune conditions, and certain medications, viruses or tumours.

Red spot

A blood-red spot on the white of the eye (subconjunctival haemorrhage) can look frightening and is always the result of a small localised blood vessel that has burst. Most times, there is no known cause, and it disappears within days. However, it can also be an indication of high blood pressure, diabetes and blood-clotting disorders that cause excessive bleeding. Blood-thinning drugs such as aspirin can also be the cause, and if the problem is frequent, might suggest that the dosage should be reviewed.

Ring around the cornea

A white or grey ring around the cornea is often linked to high cholesterol and an increased risk of heart disease. It can also reveal alcoholism and is sometimes seen in the eyes of older people, which is why the medical name given to it is arcus senilis.

Fatty lump

Sometimes the most alarming features that can appear on the eyes are actually the most benign and easy to treat. A yellowish fatty lump that can appear on the white of the eye is a pinguecula (pronounced pin-GWEK-you-la), a small deposit of fat and protein that may be easily remedied by eye drops or removed by a simple operation.

A pterygium (pronounced tur-RIDGE-ium) that appears as a pinkish growth over the white of the eye is not a danger to sight until it starts to grow over the cornea (the coloured part of the eye).

Fortunately, pterygia grow very slowly. As with pinguecula, it can easily be removed. Indeed, it should be removed well before it reaches the cornea. If allowed to keep growing, the pterygium will form an opaque "film" over the cornea that will obstruct vision. One of the major causal factors for both pinguecula and pterygium is believed to be chronic exposure to ultraviolet light from the Sun.

Bulging eyes

Bulging eyes can be part of a normal facial feature, but when eyes that were not previously bulging start to protrude forward, the most obvious cause is a problem with the thyroid gland and needs medical attention. A single eye that is bulging can be caused by an injury, infection or, more rarely, a tumour behind the eye.

Swollen or twitching eyelids

The eyelids can also indicate many diseases. These are mostly related to minor conditions of the glands in the eyelids. A common condition is the stye or chalazion, which appears as a red lump on the upper and, less often, lower eyelid and is caused by a blocked oil gland. A stye generally disappears on its own or with warm compresses. If it persists, it needs to be removed with a simple procedure.

A twitching eyelid (ocular myokymia) can be an irritation, even an embarrassment, and often feels far worse than it looks. In most cases, it is perfectly harmless and can be linked to stress, nutrient imbalance or consuming too much caffeine.

By Barbara Pierscionek, Anglia Ruskin University for The Conversation, PTI

MIRRORLIGHTS

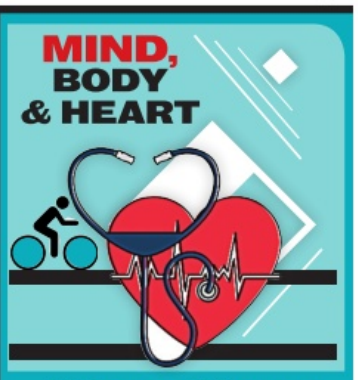
High stress during pregnancy can lead to complications

It is common for an expectant mother to feel stressed about pregnancy, especially those who are pregnant for the first time. It can bring up a range of emotions and anxieties. Being concerned about having a healthy pregnancy is not a bad thing because it can push people to take action in the face of new challenges. However, when the stress becomes too overwhelming, it could lead to health problems for the mother and the baby. Hence, it is necessary to consult with your doctor for a smooth and risk-free pregnancy.

Understanding the common causes of stress during pregnancy: Finding out that they are pregnant can be a stressful experience in itself for some women. Stress arises mostly in unplanned pregnancy. Other factors such as fear of pregnancy loss, fear of labour and delivery, financial problems, uncomfortable physical changes like nausea, tiredness, mood swings, and backaches, miscarriage, and fear of taking care of the baby when the baby is born could lead to stress among pregnant women.

Keep stress free: Maternal stress or anxiety during pregnancy can affect the fetus, causing possible long-term consequences for infant and child development. Chronic stress can affect the mother's health and can cause headaches, problems sleeping, fast breathing, and a racing pulse. Also, it could lead to preeclampsia, miscarriage, premature birth, and low birth rate.

—IANS



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm 40 and have been with my husband for 10 years, and we have three kids. I know I don't love him or fancy him any more - I haven't for a long time - so going to couples' counselling isn't an option for me. I don't want to save the marriage, but I feel so guilty about wanting out - I feel bad for him and for the kids. It's very stressful pretending things are OK and he constantly asks me if I'm alright because I think he knows how I feel and is terrified I'll leave. He makes it worse by trying really hard to be attentive and caring, and being a good dad, but it's not enough. How can I get myself out of this situation? It's killing me inside.

COLEEN SAYS

If you've really reached the point where you're sure it's over for you, then I think you have to accept that separation will be painful for everyone, but you have to do what's right for you.

Of course it's never easy to break someone's heart, but you can explain that, while you care for him, you're not in love with him any more.

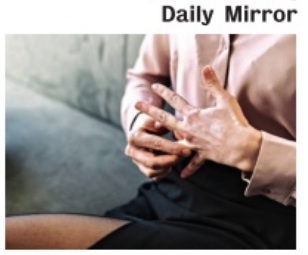
You're only in your 40s and he deserves to be with someone who loves him back, and you deserve to be happy, as well.

And if you do care about him, then you should not live a lie with him.

But if he suggests counselling, I think you should consider it, not because you want to save the marriage, but for you both to understand each other.

Counselling can help save marriages, but it can also help give closure to the relationship and help you move on.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



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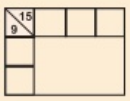
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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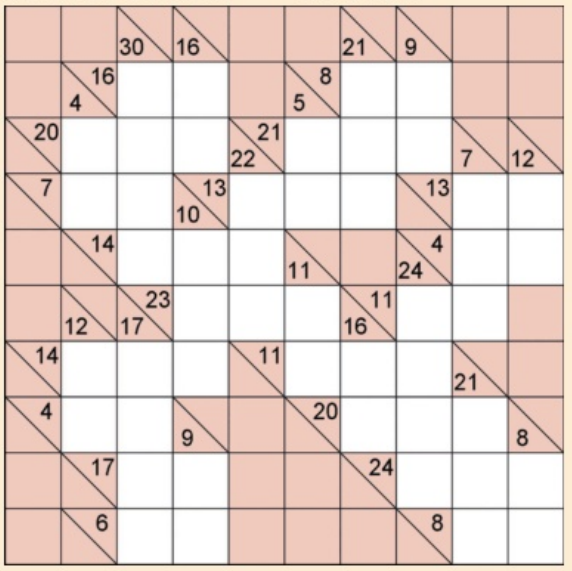

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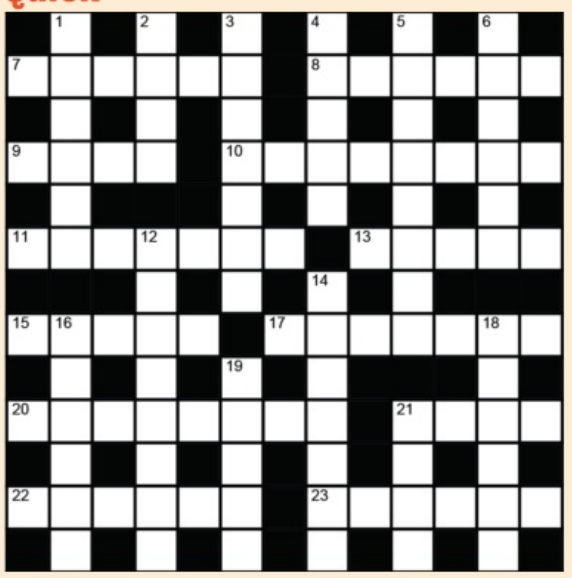


ACROSS

7 Moving through the air (6)
8 Delayed (4,2)
9 Female deer (4)
10 Brought in (8)
11 Makes hair untidy? (7)
13 Illumination (5)
15 In the middle of (5)
17 Overseas post (7)
20 Soothed or calmed (8)
21 Slightly open (4)
22 Root vegetable (6)
23 Sailor of the Arabian Nights (6)

DOWN

1 One lacking in pigment (6)
2 Feral or untamed (4)
3 Sets on fire? (7)
4 Retail outlets (5)
5 Unselfish concern (8)
6 Mr Raina of Indian cricket (6)
12 Confident, hopeful (8)
14 Most feral or beastly; least tamed (7)
16 The State Archaeological ____ is located in Cubbon Park (6)
18 Rome was not built __ _ __? (2,1,3)
19 Cleopatra's country (5)
21 Diarist Frank (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS G

J MKCCMI MIJBHKHZ KX HVC J NJHZIBVTX CSKHZ CV VHI GSV NVIX HVC PKXCJUI KC RVB J ZBIJC NIJM.

Linemaro

You are like an optical illusion. You make all the other women in the room disappear

Mindchow

The total history of almost anyone would shock almost everyone

Joke of the day

It used to be only death and taxes were inevitable. Now, there's shipping and handling too

Loop

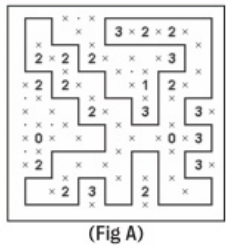
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

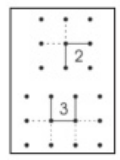
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

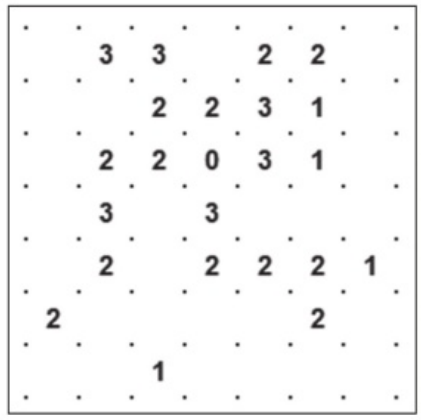
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



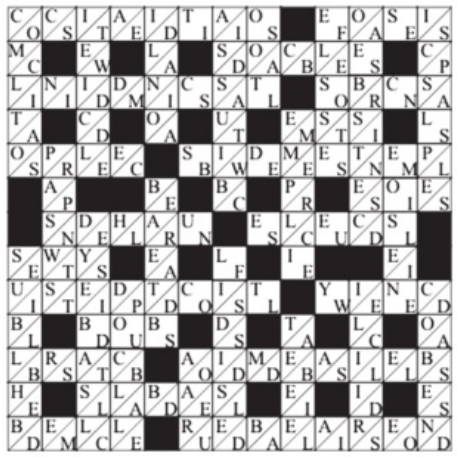
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6		W		
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Cates; 6 We red; 7 Cig in; 8 Segni; 9 Gaped

DOWN

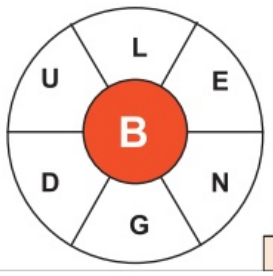
1 Scrip; 2 Ace I a; 3 Wings; 4 Genet; 5 Ed deg

Mensapuzzle

What should go into the last line in the left-hand column?

1812	9234
2421	6437
1556	3578
1436	2794
----	2545

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8		3			1			
						4		
1				2	8			3
9		4		6			1	7
			4		5			
2	1			8		3		6
3			2	7				5
		9						
			8			6		2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13

1 5 8 9

Medium = 4

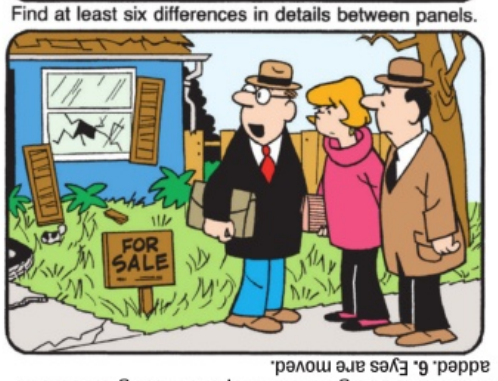
5 5 5 9

Hard = 5

3 4 5 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



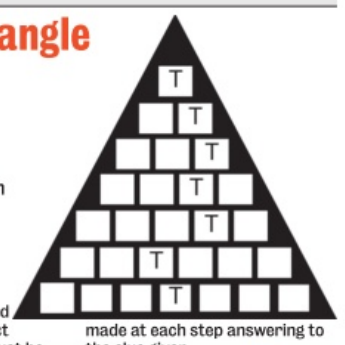
Differences: 1. Sign is smaller. 2. Shutter is moved. 3. Gutter is straightened. 4. Label is missing. 5. Pocket is added. 6. Eyes are moved.

Riddler

What part of a car causes the most accidents?

Alpha triangle

1 Terabyte
2 tu Brute ...
3 Prepared
4 Place
5 Revises copy
6 Responsibilities
7 More moth-eaten



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

IT'S TIME YOU HAD ANOTHER FATHER-AND-SON TALK WITH POKEY
COME ON! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE BIRDS AND BEES?
UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT!
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I ATE LUNCH AT THAT NEW DINER TODAY
AND LET'S JUST SAY MY ONLINE REVIEW WILL BE A LITTLE LESS THAN GLOWING
HOW BAD WAS IT?
MY CORNED BEEF HAD A COB IN IT
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Hart of the city

I SEE WE'LL BE COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER AGAIN, DANA.
WELL, A PAGEANT ISN'T A PAGEANT WITHOUT A RIVAL.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BEATING YOU.
YOU BRING YOUR BEST. I'LL BRING MINE!
BYE-BYE, RUNNER-UP!
I HAVE A NAME!!

Crankshaft

IF YOU WANT SOMEONE TO WRITE A BAKING COLUMN, I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO.
YOU'RE HIRED!
SOS
LENA WRITING A BAKING COLUMN?
I'M SURE SHE COULD PROVIDE SOME 'SOLID' RECIPES.
LUCKILY, SOS MEDIA IS A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will be blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, old health issues may be cured now. An amount, which was stuck somewhere, is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some stuff related to luxury

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you will be blessed by Jupiter which may give you confidence. You may be able to take an important decision confidently. You are decisive also, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you to do something creative at work.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may pay you now which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with some influential person may boost your network.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will be blessed by the moon which will make you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You will be polite with the people around you; you may take some difficult decisions in the business, with the help of your colleagues.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you will be blessed by the moon; it will be a good day for you. You have a good vitality you may enjoy at work; you may enjoy romantic moments with the spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project; your perfection may help you to design the flow chart. Job-seekers will find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your speaking while you are talking with anyone. Lovebirds should be careful in discussions otherwise, relations may get affected.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in your family life. Singles are likely to find suitable match. Lovebirds may take the decision to marry. Students will be blessed by good karma.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be very happy; your losses may convert into profits. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes in your place, position or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, situations are under control; you may feel better. You may plan for overseas travel. Your network may help you on the work front. There will be some increase in domestic harmony. You may be more creative; you may bring some artefacts or creative stuff for family or office. You may also plan for watching movies or other entertainment with friends or family.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
In the beginning of the week, you will expect financial gains; you will strike a balance between earnings and expenses, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss will give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You will get back your money from your lenders. You will be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies. Your health would be better now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some stuff to decorate your house to maintain your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It will create harmony in the domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may settle down. You may get good news in terms of litigations.

KIDZONE

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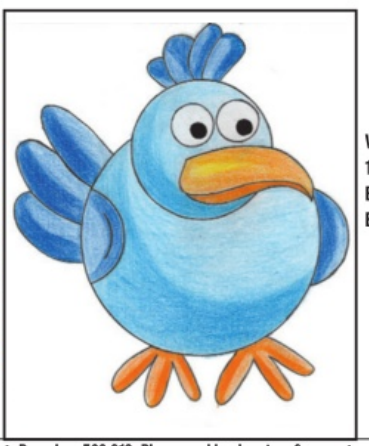

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SOLUTIONS

BULL'S EYE
begun, bend, bled, blend, blue, budge, bulge, bulge, bulged, bundle, bung, bungle, BUNGLED, debug

SOLVE IN 1M
(1/5)*2*(13+12)
(1/25)x 25 =1

FAST FIVE

C	A	S	T	E
R	E	W	E	D
I	C	I	N	G
S	I	N	G	E
P	A	G	E	D

QUOTE UNCODE
A little learning is not a dangerous thing to one who does not mistake it for a great deal.

STRIKE OUT

D	E	L	L	■	R	E	A	L	I	S	E	D	■	■
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QUICK

A	W	■	I	■	S	■	A	■	S	■	■	■	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
1020. Multiply the first two numbers in the right-hand column and place the result in the left-hand column; multiply the last two numbers in the right-hand column and place the result in the left-hand column.

RIDDLER
The nut behind the wheel

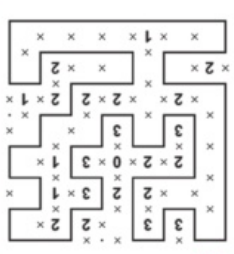
SUDOKU

8	7	3	5	4	1	2	6	9
5	9	2	6	3	7	4	8	1
1	4	6	9	2	8	7	5	3
9	8	4	3	6	2	5	1	7
3	6	8	2	7	4	1	9	5
2	1	5	7	8	9	3	4	6
6	3	7	4	1	5	9	2	8
7	2	9	1	5	6	8	3	4
4	5	1	8	9	3	6	7	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Set, Site, Edits, Duties, Dustier.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 8 – 5 + 1 = 13
Medium
5 + 9 – 5 – 5 = 4
Hard
5 – 3 x 4 – 3 = 5

LOOP



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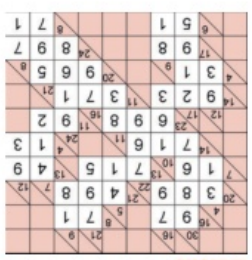

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 # Record-breaker at auction
Andy Warhol's portrait of Marilyn Monroe has sold for $195 mn, setting a record for the most expensive artwork by a US artist sold at an auction

When the going got tough

Shilpa got going... Actor put up a 'brave front' for kids

Shilpa Shetty recently opened up about how she dealt with the difficult times in her life. According to the actor, she put up a brave front only for her kids.

Shilpa told a news portal that she has always believed that in life, one has to find a purpose. Even in the chaos, her purpose was her children and will always be them. The actor revealed that she stepped out in difficult times, with a brave front, to go back to work only to show her kids, especially her son Viaan that during difficult times too, one has to have a work ethic and rise like a phoenix.

Shilpa added that Viaan has learnt through her, and she hopes she is able to give them the values her parents inculcated in her. She said that going out there and starting working was teaching her son through practice. According to her, you are never prepared for hardships in life. They suddenly hit you, but they make you stronger. Shilpa added that she didn't know she was strong, but it's a good feeling to know she can combat anything now. Shilpa also went on to say that she was raised by a strong woman and she is also one because of her. While the actor has great help with her mum, mother-in-law and nanny, she feels there's no one who can do the job better than a mother can. Shilpa also added that when she goes to work, she doesn't hold any guilt as she gives a lot of time to her kids.

—ETimes

Athiya's role model

Athiya Shetty sashayed down the ramp at the recently concluded Bombay Times Fashion Week. The actor who's known for her fashion game enjoyed the whole experience of doing the ramp walk, live, after two years of pandemic.

She said, "I missed sashaying down the ramp during that phase. As much as I love to walk the ramp let me confess that I am quite clumsy as a person, so at the back of my mind I am praying that I don't trip and fall (laughs)."

While today she might be looking up to a lot more fashion icons, while growing up Athiya was smitten by Miss Universe and actress Sushmita Sen.

She says, "While growing up I used to look up to and mimic Sushmita Sen. I think she has the most poised and confident walk."

Remembering the first time she walked the ramp, Athiya shared, "It was for a beauty brand and I was really young. I had to wear really high heels and at that time I was not used to walking in them. I was shaking out of nervousness."

While of late, Athiya is engulfed with the rumours of her forthcoming marriage with cricketer KL Rahul, she is on the other hand quite busy with a lot of work.

Athiya who made her debut with Hero in 2015, was last seen in Motichoor Chaknachoor starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui in 2019.

—ETimes

Gown gorgeous

Nine times Kangana Ranaut made heads turn and hearts stop in breath-taking gowns

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Kriti's weight-loss mantra

Kriti Sanon has been going out of her way to prep for film roles.

Whether taking up martial arts training or even packing on the pounds for her films, the actor has been doing it all.

The actor, who was last seen playing the role of a pregnant woman in 'Mimi', finally revealed how she shed the excess weight, without even stepping foot in the gym.

While filming 'Mimi', Kriti essayed the role of a surrogate mother, for which she gained 15 kg of to appear authentic on screen.

After the film was wrapped, she had the arduous task of dropping kilos and managed to do so without the aid of a gym.

Spilling secrets about her weight loss journey, Kriti shared, "I began working out at home with the help of virtual trainers. I lost all the excess weight during the lockdown. When I was 15 kilos more than my usual body weight towards the end of Mimi's schedule, I remember feeling unfit. When you feel so unfit, you understand the importance of fitness."

To gain the extra kilos, the actor gorged on chips, chocolates, shakes and more, and shed all of it during the lockdown with virtual workouts.

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Who Mahesh Babu wants to follow

Mahesh Babu is promoting his new film 'Sarkaru Vaari Pata' and he took part in a viral Twitter #Whatshappening trend, which saw him answer some of the most frequently asked questions on the microblogging site.

As the team put forward some lighthearted Twitter questionnaires, including who he would like to follow on the platform,

'Calm and focused' actor wants to follow just 1 person on Twitter: His wife

Mahesh's instant answer was that he would want to see his wife Namrata Shirodkar on Twitter, so he could follow her. Mahesh Babu also spoke about his most famous blockbuster movie 'Okkadu', as he also calls himself 'Calm and focused'. Mahesh says that fans will have a blast in the theatres when asked how he would describe the upcoming commercial drama 'SVP' in a tweet. This is the first time the Telugu star has gone to such lengths to promote a film, as he is typically an introverted actor who simply does his job and disappears.

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